

# STABLE VALUE FIXED

Active Management
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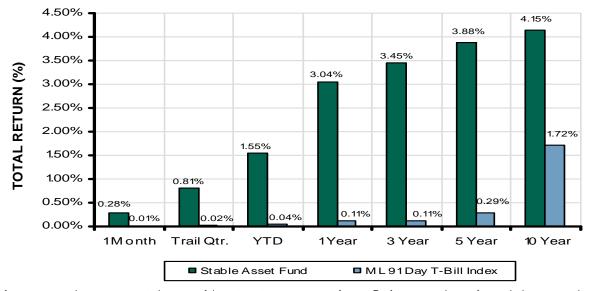


### **OBJECTIVE**

Northern's Collective Stable Asset Fund seeks to provide a market rate of return consistent with the preservation of capital through a short duration, high quality portfolio.

CHARACTERISTICS (As of 06/30/13)					
FUND PROFILE	06/30/2013	03/31/2013	06/30/2012		
Total Assets	\$ 933.3 MM	\$930.0 MM	\$922.1 MM		
Average Yield	3.53%	3.26%	3.16%		
Average Duration	2.7 years	2.8 years	2.9 years		
Average Credit Quality	Aa2	Aa2	Aa2		
Market-to-Book Ratio	103.2	105.3	105.8		

### PERFORMANCE (As of 06/30/13)



Performance results are presented gross of investment management fees. Performance shown for periods greater than one year is annualized. Additional performance information is provided in the "Information" section at the end of this document.

# MARKET COMMENTARY (2nd QUARTER 2013)

Interest rates moved sharply higher the last two weeks of the quarter after the Federal Reserve signaled a possible slowdown, or tapering, of its monthly \$85 billion US government debt and mortgage-backed security bond buying program. Over the quarter, the ten-year US Treasury note touched levels not seen in almost two years and ended the period 64 basis points higher at 2.48%. Shorter term interest rates moved higher as well, as the two-year US Treasury note yield increased 11 basis points to 0.35% and the five-year US Treasury note yield increased 63 basis points to 1.39% to finish the quarter. The significant move in interest rates, whether intended or unintended by the Fed, coincided with the release of economic data described as average at best. First quarter US Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was revised down from 2.4% to 1.8%. The unemployment rate stands at 7.6%. And, the core Consumer Price Index (CPI) measured 1.7% on a year-over-year basis. The Federal Reserve has pledged to target a Federal Funds rate of 0.0% to 0.25% as long as the unemployment rate remains above 6.5% and inflation is no more than 0.5% above the 2.0% long-run goal. Though the timing of a reduction in the Federal Reserve's bond buying program remains fluid, the current target Federal Funds rate is likely to remain unchanged through at least late 2014.

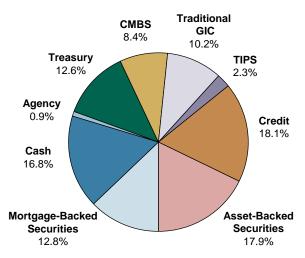
Stable value wrap capacity continues to increase for separately managed accounts and highly diversified commingled funds, but is difficult to obtain for commingled funds with more a concentrated participant profile. Book value wrap providers expect to supply more than \$100 billion in new capacity this year to attractive accounts/funds. This is an encouraging indication of commitment to the product by the wrap providers and a healthy increase over the \$65 billion (approximately) in capacity provided in 2012. Total assets in stable value funds exceeded more than \$700 billion at the end of 2012.

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## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

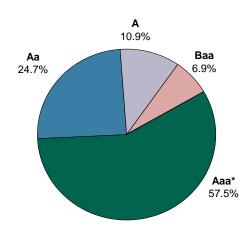
Diversification can reduce portfolio risk by minimizing sector and company-specific exposure. Fund assets are managed in an effort to diversify across many fixed income asset sectors and, within those sectors, to diversify among multiple issuers.

## Sector Diversification



<sup>\*</sup>Includes sector exposure of the Northern Trust collective bond index funds and short term investment fund in which the stable asset fund invests.

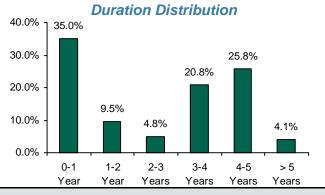
# **Portfolio Quality Distribution**



\*Aaa includes U.S. Treasury Securities and cash investments.

# **Top Wrap Contract Providers**

NATIXIS Financial Products Inc.	26.3%
ING Life & Annuity	21.1%
State Street Bank and Trust Company	14.5%
Pacific Life	9.8%
Jackson National Life Insurance Company	2.6%
Principal Life Insurance Company	2.3%
Monumental Life (Aegon)	1.5%
Protective Life	2.7%
Prudential	2.6%



# **Component Fund Allocation**

Intermediate Credit Bond Index Fund	15.3%
Asset-Backed Securities Bond Index Fund	14.2%
Mortgage-Backed Securities Bond Index Fund	10.5%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Bond Index Fund	5.2%
Short-Term Government Bond Index Fund	4.2%
Long Term Government Bond Index Fund	1.8%
Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index Fund	2.3%
Short-Term Credit Bond Index Fund	2.3%
Intermediate Government Bond Index Fund	1.4%
Short Term Investment Fund	<u>16.8%</u>
Total Component Funds	74.0%
Liquid Portfolio Securities	15.9%
Traditional GIC	<u>10.1%</u>
Total Fund Investments	100.0%

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Note: There can be no guarantee that the Fund's objective will be achieved, and current investments are subject to potential loss if the issuing institutions suffer insolvency. Some information contained herein has been obtained from third-party sources and has not been independently verified by Northern Trust Company. The Company makes no representative as to the accuracy or the completeness of any of the information herein.

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#### **INFORMATION**

#### STABLE ASSET FUND - Annual Returns

Year	Fund	Index	Product Asset (\$mil)	Firm Assets (\$mil)
YTD 2013	1.55%	0.04%	933.3	673,617.7
2012	3.06%	0.11%	959.5	630,253.1
2011	3.57%	0.10%	969.7	545,520.6
2010	4.38%	0.13%	790.6	469,395.1
2009	4.55%	0.21%	777.2	449,099.3
2008	4.56%	2.06%	779.4	393,273.2
2007	4.81%	5.00%	735.5	443,547.1
2006	4.65%	4.85%	671.0	397,133.6
2005	4.37%	3.07%	635.9	343,655.0
2004	3.99%	1.33%	655.0	325,494.5

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